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WESTHAMPTON, MASS.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

Bill No. 1.	H. M. Parsons, broken spring,		\$1 50
No. 2.	F. H. Judd:		
	Obtaining, recording and indexing 8 Births,	\$ 4 00	
	Recording 7 Marriages,	1 05	
	5 Deaths,	1 75	
	Services as Registrar,	3 50—	\$10 30
No. 3.	A. G. Jewett:		
	Annual settlement and registration,	\$2 50	
	Annual report and war- rant,	7 00	
	3 trips to printers and expenses,	4 00—	\$13 50
No. 4.	L. W. Clapp:		
	Apr. 76 ft. plank,	\$1 06	
	June 30. 72 "	1 00	
	30. 2½ hours,	38	
	Sept. 15. 10 " man and team,	3 50	
	16. 10 hours man and team,	3 50	
	Nov. 6. 24 ft. plank,	33	
	Dec. 5. 1 hour,	15—	\$9 92
No. 5.	Telephone, Jan. Feb. and Mar.,	\$20 80	
	Received for use of telephone,	5 70—	\$15 10

No. 6.	Wright Fund:		
	Otis Witherell,	\$15 00	
	H. C. Bartlett,	15 00	
	F. E. Holdridge,	5 00—	\$35 00
No. 7.	Military Aid:		
	R. S. Smith,		\$30 00
No. 8.	Munn & Leitch:		
	Printing Town Reports,		\$35 87
No. 9.	Wm. Lawler at N. L. H. to Apr. 1,		\$41 79
No. 10.	Support of Margaret Duggan to July 1,		\$24 00
No. 11.	Support of Margaret Keating,		\$15 00
No. 12.	F. H. Judd:		
	Mar. 10. Express on Manual Gen. Court.	\$ 35	
	20. Express on Town Reports,	10	
	21. Postage,	25	
Apr. 7.	“	10	
	7. License blanks,	50	
	7. Envelopes,	12	
	7. Express on School books,	35	
	7. Lamp chimneys,	1 20	
	30. Stamps & envelopes,	40	
	30. Lamp wicks,	25	
May 7.	Stamps,	30	
	19. Bill head, stamp,	2 00	
	19. Express on Valuation book,	35—	\$6 27
No. 13.	W. H. Lyman:		
	Apr. 8. 1 hour, 2 men and team,	\$ 50	
	10. 10 hours, 2 men & team,	5 00	
	11. 6 hours, team,	1 20	
	11. 10 hours, 2 men,	3 00	
	12. 10 hours, team,	2 00	

Apr. 12.	5 hours, 1 man		
	and team,	1 75	
12.	10 hours, 1 man,	1 50	
14.	10 hours, 3 men,	4 50	
14.	8 hours, 1 man,	1 20	
14.	7 hours 1 man,	1 05	
16.	10 hours, 1 man		
	and team,	3 50—	\$25 20
No. 14.	Telephone, Apr., May & June,	\$20 00	
	Received for use,	4 40—	\$15 60
No. 15.	Support of Wm. Lawler,		\$42 25
No. 16.	F. C. Montague:		
	June 14. 624 ft. plank		
	\$17 per M.,	10 61	
	13. 464 ft. plank		
	\$15 per M.,	6 96—	\$17 57
No. 17.	Otis Witherell:		
	Wright Fund,		\$17 00
No. 18.	R. S. Smith:		
	Military Aid,		\$10 00
No. 19.	Support of Thomas Lynn, Boston,		\$22 00
No. 20.	Springfield Printing Co., Collectors'		
	book,		\$1 10
No. 21.	R. S. Smith:		
	Military Aid,		\$10 00
No 22.	F. C. Montague:		
	1 day on Valuation,	\$ 2 00	
	4 days Assessor,	10 00	
	Overseer of Poor,	2 00—	\$14 00
No. 23.	F. H. Judd:		
	Mar. 17. 1 gal. oil,	\$ 15	
	17. 1 chimney,	10	
	17. 1 gal. oil for Hall,	15	
	Apr. 2. 1 gal. oil,	15	
	2. Lighting street lamps		
	in March,	1 50	
	8. 2 gal. oil,	30	
	8. 1 chimney,	10	

Apr. 17.	1 gal. oil,	15	
24.	1 “	15	
May 6.	2 “	30	
6.	Lighting lamps in Apr., 1	50	
6.	1 gal oil for Hall,	15	
June 6.	1 gal. oil,	15	
6.	Lighting lamps in May, 1	50	
12.	1 gal. oil,	15	
18.	1 “	15	
July 3.	1 “	15	
3.	Lighting lamps in June, 1	50	
12.	1 gal. oil,	15	
26.	1 “	15	
Aug. 9.	2 “	30	
9.	Lighting lamps in July, 1	50	
19.	1 gal. oil,	15	
23.	2 “	30	
30.	Lighting lamps in Aug., 1	50—	\$12 35
No. 24.	Support of Wm. Lawler,		\$42 71
No. 25.	Support of Margaret Keating,		\$30 00
No. 26.	R. S. Smith:		
	Military Aid,		\$10 00
No. 27.	C. H. Hocker: Work Town Hall.		
Aug. 26.	Self, man and team,	\$5 50	
28.	“ “ “	5 50	
29.	“ “ “	5 50	
30.	Self 5 hours,	1 00	
30.	4 hours, man and team, 1	75	
Sept. 1.	Self, man and team,	5 50	
2.	“ “ 4 h'rs,	1 60	
2.	2½ hours,	50	
4.	2 “ self and team,	80	
4.	2 “ man,	30—	\$27 95
No. 28.	H. C. Williams:		
Aug. 28.	1 day on Hall,	2 50	
29.	1 “ “	2 50	
Sept. 1.	1 “ “	2 50—	\$7 50

HIGHWAY WORK BY C. H. HOOKER, SUPERINTENDENT.

April	1.	2 hours, self and team,	80
	6.	6 " " "	2 40
	11.	4 " " "	1 60
	11.	2 " man,	30
	12.	10 " " and team,	3 50
	12.	10 " self "	4 00
	14.	10 " " "	4 00
	14.	10 " man "	3 50
	15.	10 " " "	3 50
	15.	10 " self "	4 00
	16.	10 " " "	4 00
	16.	10 " man "	3 50
	17.	10 " " "	3 50
	17.	10 " self "	4 00
	18.	10 " " "	4 00
	18.	10 " man "	3 50
	19.	8 " " "	2 80
	19.	8 " self "	3 20
	21.	10 " " "	4 00
	21.	10 " man "	3 50
	22.	5 " self "	2 00
	23.	10 " " "	4 00
	23.	10 " man "	3 50
	24.	10 " " "	3 50
	24.	10 " self "	4 00
May	3.	10 " "	2 00
	8.	10 " self and team,	4 00
	10.	10 " self and 2 teams,	6 00
	10.	10 " 3 men,	4 50
	13.	10 " self and 2 teams,	6 00
	13.	10 " 2 men,	3 00
	14.	10 " self, man & team,	5 50
	16.	10 " self, 2 men and 2 teams,	9 00
	17.	8½ " self, 2 men and 2 teams,	7 65
	19.	4 " 1 man,	60

May	21.	10	hours, self, 2 men and	
			2 teams,	9 00
	22.	10	“ self, 2 men and	9 00
			2 teams.	9 00
	23.	10	“ self, 2 men and	
			2 teams,	9 00
	24.	10	“ self, 2 men and	
			2 teams,	9 00
	27.	5	“ 2 men & 2 teams.	4 50
	27.	10	“ self,	1 00
	28.	5	“ self, 2 men, & team,	3 50
	29.	10	“ self, 1 man & team,	5 50
	30.	10	“ self, 2 men, 2 teams,	9 00
June	3.	10	“ self, 2 men and	
			2 teams,	9 00
	4.	10	“ self, 1 man and	
			2 teams,	7 50
	5.	10	“ self and 2 teams,	6 00
	5.	5	“ 1 man,	75
	6.	10	“ self, 1 man and	
			2 teams,	7 50
	7.	6	“ 2 men & 2 teams,	4 20
	7.	5	“ self,	1 00
	8.	6	“ self and team,	2 40
	8.	10	“ man and team,	3 50
	8.	6	“ 1 man,	90
	9.	10	“ self, 2 men and	
			2 teams,	9 00
	10.	10	“ self, 2 men and	
			2 teams,	9 00
	11.	10	“ self, 2 men and	
			2 teams,	9 00
	12.	3	“ self, 2 teams 1 man,	2 25
	13.	4	“ “ “	2 20
	14.	9	“ “ 2 men,	8 40
	16.	10	“ “ “	9 00
	17.	10	“ “ “	9 00
	18.	10	“ “ “	9 00

June	19.	10	hours, self, 2 teams, 2 men,	9 00
	20.	10	“ “ “ “	9 00
	21.	10	“ “ “ “	9 00
	21.	10	“ boy,	75
	23.	10	“ self, 2 teams 2 men,	9 00
	24.	10	“ “ “ “	9 00
	24.	10	“ boy,	50
	25.	10	“ self, 2 teams 2 men,	9 00
	26.	10	“ 1 team 2 men,	5 00
	27.	10	“ 1 “ 1 “	3 50
	27.	3	“ John Gravlin,	45
July	20.	10	“ self & team, 1 man,	5 50
	20.	5	“ boy,	37
	28.	10	“ self & team, 1 man,	5 50
	30.	10	“ “ “ “	5 50
	30.	10	“ boy,	75
	31.	10	“ self,	2 00
Aug.	1.	10	“ self and team,	4 00
	2.	10	“ self,	2 00
	2.	5	“ team, 1 man,	1 75
	4.	10	“ self, 1 man & team,	5 50
	5.	10	“ “ “ “	3 50
	5.	8	“ self,	1 60
	6.	9	“ “	1 80
	6.	10	“ 1 man & team,	3 50
	7.	10	“ “ “ “	3 50
	7.	7	“ self,	1 40
	8.	5	“ self, 1 man & team,	2 75
	9.	9	“ “ “ “	4 95
	9.	5	“ 1 team,	1 00
	15.	6	“ self and 1 team,	2 40
	15.	7	“ 1 man,	1 05
	16.	4	“ self,	80
	19.	10	“ self, 1 man & team,	5 50
	20.	10	“ 1 man and 1 team,	3 50
	20.	3	“ self,	60
	22.	10	“ self, 1 man & team,	5 50
	23.	5	“ “ “ “	2 75

Aug.	24.	10	hours, self, 1 man & team,	5	50	
Sept.	4.	6	“ 1 man and team,	2	10	
	5.	3	“ self, 1 man & team,	1	65	
	15.	2	“ self, 1 man,		70	
	18.	10	“ self, 1 man and			
			2 teams,	7	50	
	19.	10	“ self, 1 man & team,	5	50	
	20.	10	“ “ “	5	50	
	20.	5	“ 1 team,	1	00—	\$471 07

Clinton C. Elwell:

April	12.	10	hours work,	1	50	
	14.	10	“	1	50	
	15.	10	“	1	50	
	16.	10	“	1	50	
	17.	10	“	1	50	
	18.	10	“	1	50	
	19.	6½	“		97	
	21.	10	“	1	50	
	22.	5	“		75	
	23.	10	“	1	50	
	24.	10	“	1	50	
May	19.	5	“		75	
	21.	10	“	1	50	
	22.	10	“	1	50	
	23.	10	“	1	50	
	24.	10	“	1	50	
	28.	5	“		75	
	29.	10	“	1	50	
June	3.	10	“	1	50	
	4.	10	“	1	50	
	5.	9	“	1	35	
	6.	10	“	1	50	
	7.	10	“	1	50	
	9.	10	“	1	50	
	10.	10	“	1	50	
	11.	10	“	1	50	
	12.	3	“		45	
	14.	8	“	1	20	

June	16.	10	hours work	\$ 1 50
	17.	10	"	1 50
	18.	10	"	1 50
	19.	10	"	1 50
	20.	10	"	1 50
	21.	10	"	1 50
	23.	10	"	1 50
	24.	10	"	1 50
	25.	10	"	1 50
	26.	10	"	1 50
	27.	10	"	1 50
July	30.	10	"	1 50
Aug.	1.	10	"	1 50
	2.	5	"	75
	4.	10	"	1 50
	5.	9	"	1 35
	6.	10	"	1 50
	7.	10	"	1 50
	8.	5	"	75
	9.	8	"	1 20
Sept.	18.	10	"	1 50
	19.	10	"	1 50
	20.	5	"	75
	21.	8	"	1 20— \$ 70 72

L. W. Clapp:

May	2.	6	hours, 2 men & team,	3 00
	23.	10	" self and team,	3 50
	24.	10	" "	3 50
	26.	2	" "	70
	29.	10	" "	3 50
	30.	10	" "	3 50
June	2.	10	" "	3 50
Aug.	6.	10	" "	3 50
	6.	5	" man,	75
	7.	10	" self and team,	3 50
	7.	10	" man,	1 50
	8.	10	" "	1 50
	8.	10	" self and team,	3 50— \$ 35 45

George Burt:

June 23.	10 hours, 2 men and team,	\$ 5 00	
24.	10 " "	5 00—	\$ 10 00

Levi Burt:

May 17.	9 hours,	1 35	
19.	5 "	75	
21.	10 "	1 50	
22.	10 "	1 50—	\$ 5 10

Geo. N. Burt:

Sept. 18.	10 hours,	1 50	
19.	10 "	1 50	
20.	5 "	75—	\$ 3 75

Frank J. Hathaway:

May 19.	3 hours,	45	
21.	8 "	1 20	
21.	8 " Fred,	1 20	
22.	10 "	1 50	
24.	10 "	1 50	
26.	2 "	30	
29.	10 "	1 50	
30.	7½ "	1 12	
June 1.	10 hours,	1 50—	\$ 10 27

Henry Hathaway:

June 18.	8½ hours,	1 27	
19.	9½ "	1 43	
20.	11 "	1 65	
21.	4½ "	64	
23.	8½ "	1 28	
24.	6¾ "	1 01	
25.	3 "	45—	\$ 7 73

Austin Hathaway:

June 18.	8½ hours,	1 27	
21.	4¼ "	63	
23.	8½ "	1 28	
24.	4 "	60—	\$ 3 78

Peter Gagnon:

April 12.	10 hours,	1 50	
14.	10 "	1 50	

April 15.	10	hours,	\$ 1 50	
16.	10	"	1 50	
17.	10	"	1 50	
18.	10	"	1 50	
26.	8	"	1 20—	\$ 10 20

Fred Gagnon:

April 11.	4	hours,	60	
12	10	"	1 50	
14.	10	"	1 50	
15.	10	"	1 50	
16.	10	"	1 50	
17.	9	"	1 35	
18.	10	"	1 50	
19.	6½	"	97	
21.	10	"	1 50	
22.	5	"	75	
23.	10	"	1 50	
24.	10	"	1 50—	\$ 15 67

S. D. Lyman:

Aug. 17.	2	hours, team,	40	
17.	8	" man,	1 20	
19.	10	" 2 men & team,	5 00	
20.	5	" team,	1 00	
20.	8	" 3 men,	3 60	
21.	10	" team,	2 00	
21.	5	" man,	75	
21.	10.	" 2 men,	3 00	
22.	5	" man & team,	1 75—	\$ 18 70

Franklin Howard:

June 17.	10	hours, self & team,	3 50	
18.	10	" "	3 50	
19.	10	" "	3 50	
20.	10	" self,	1 50	
21.	10	" "	1 50	
23.	10	" "	1 50	
24.	8	" "	1 20	
25.	10	" "	1 50	
26.	9	" "	1 35	
27.	10	" " & team,	3 50—	\$ 22 55

Worthington Hooker:

April 11.	4	hours, self & team,	\$ 1 40
12.	5	" "	1 75
14.	10	" "	3 50
15.	5	" "	1 75
16.	5	" "	1 75
18.	5	" "	1 75
19.	8	" "	2 80 — \$ 14 70

H. L. Dodge:

May 15.	10	hours, self,	1 50
June 3.	10	" 3 men & team,	6 50
3.	5	" 1 man,	75
4.	10	" self & team,	3 50
4.	10	" 4 men,	6 00
5.	5	" 3 men,	2 25
5.	5	" self and team,	1 75
9.	10	" " "	3 50
9.	10	" 2 men,	3 00
10.	10	" self and team,	3 50
10.	10	" 3 men,	4 50
11.	10	" "	4 50
11.	10	" self and team,	3 50
30.	10	" "	3 50
30.	10	" 2 men,	3 00 — \$ 51 25

Ira O. Shaw:

May 23.	5	hours, 2 men.	1 50
24.	10	" "	3 00
26.	2	" "	60
29.	10	" "	3 00
30.	10	" "	3 00
June 2.	10	" "	3 00 — \$ 14 10

C. H. Bartlett:

April 14.	10	hours,	1 50
15.	10	"	1 50
16.	10	"	1 50
June 4.	8½	"	1 27
5.	10	"	1 50
6.	10	"	1 50

June	7.	10	hours,	\$ 1 50	
	9.	10	"	1 50	
	10.	10	"	1 50	
	11.	10	"	1 50	
	14.	8	"	1 20	
	24.	10	"	1 50	
	25.	9	"	1 40 —	\$ 18 87

George Coleman:

6 hours, 90

E. L. Gorham:

Breakneck road, \$8 00

		Amount of order No. 29.	\$792 81	
No. 30.	Repairs Road Machine,		\$3 00	
No. 31.	Otis Witherell:			
	Street and Wright fund,		\$ 10 00	
No. 32.	Telephone bill, July, Aug. and			
	Sept.,	\$19 75		
	Received for use of telephone,	3 75 —	\$ 16 00	
No. 33.	Munn & Leitch:			
	Voters' list,		\$ 2 00	
No. 34.	E. W. Kingsley:			

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	Nov.	5.	Election day,	\$ 1 00	
		5.	20 ft. pine and nails,	50	
			Registrar of voters,	2 00	
	Dec.	2.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day highway,	75	
			Keeping tramp.	75	
			$\frac{1}{2}$ day highway,	75	
	Mar.	1.	1 day,	2 00 —	\$ 7 75
No. 35.	E. W. Kingsley, work Town				
	Hall Lobby:				
	June 27.	3	hours, self & George		
			Coleman,	\$1 20	
		29.	6 hours self,	1 20	
		29.	Mortar,	1 50	
		29.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours, H. F. Clapp,	1 40 —	\$ 5 30

No. 36. E. W. Kingsley work Town Hall:

Aug.	26.	1 day,	\$ 2 00
	27.	“	2 00
	29.	“	2 00
	30.	3 hours,	60
Sept.	1.	10 hours,	1 75
	2.	5 “	75
	3.	8 “	1 60
		mortar,	1 00
		cement,	50— \$ 12 20

No. 37. E. W. Kingsley:

May	6.	Taking Valuation,	\$ 2 50
	23.	Keeping two tramps,	1 50
June	13.	1 day assessor,	2 50
	14.	“ “	2 50
	16.	“ “	2 50
July	3.	8 hours,	2 00
	4.	5 “	1 25
	7.	To Otis Witherel & team,	75
Aug.	30.	3 hours on bridge,	60
Oct.	2.	Paid County Commis-	
		sioners' Fees,	3 00
	31.	Peramble Town lines	
		Easthampton,	60
Nov.	4.	Election,	2 00
	6.	Measuring to F. Ed-	
		wards' spring,	1 00
	6.	Team,	50
	11.	Peramble lines Ches-	
		terfield,	1 00
	22.	Peramble lines South-	
		hampton,	1 00
	29.	Peramble lines North-	
		hampton,	1 00
		1½ day's work in Cem-	
		etery,	3 00— \$ 29 20

No. 38. Street and Wright Fund:

		Otis Witherell,	10 00
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	H. C. Bartlett.	\$ 10 00	
	A. C. Shepard.	5 00—	\$ 25 00
No. 39.	W. E. Lyman Parish Treas'r:		
	$\frac{1}{2}$ Thayer Fund,	30 00—	\$ 30 00
No. 40.	Orville Flint:		
	Ballot Clerk,	1 00—	\$ 1 00
No. 41.	Street Lamps, F. H. Judd,		
Sept. 10.	1 gal. oil,	\$ 15	
13.	1 " "	15	
23.	1 " "	15	
Oct. 6.	Lighting lamps in Sep.,	1 50	
6.	1 gal. oil,	15	
9.	1 " "	15	
13.	1 " " for Hall.	15	
15.	1 " "	15	
15.	Repairing lantern,	40	
25.	2 gal's oil,	30	
28.	1 gal oil for Hall,	15	
Nov. 8.	Lighting lamps in Oct.,	1 50	
8.	1 gal. oil,	15	
8.	1 " " for Hall,	15	
17.	1 " "	15	
Dec. 1.	Light'g lamps in Nov.,	1 50	
1.	1 gal oil for Hall,	15	
6.	2 " "	30	
13.	1 " "	15	
24.	1 " " for Hall,	15	
27.	1 " "	15	
31.	Light'g lamps in Dec.,	1 50—	\$ 9 25
No. 42.	F. H. Judd:		
June 30.	Paid Ex. on Mass. Report,	35	
Aug. 9.	" Laws & Resolves,	45	
25.	" Blue Book,	35	
Sept. 8.	" Mass. Laws &		
	Election Books,	70	
30.	Postage stamps,	25	
Oct. 6.	Tally sheets,	1 00	
Nov. 3.	Ex. on Public documents,	50	

Nov. 5.	Postage stamps,	10	
Dec. 20.	“	24	
27.	Ex. on books,	35—	\$ 4 29
No. 43.	C. H. Pierce:		
	Insurance on School Houses,		\$ 24 00
No. 44.	John Doyle:		
	Board of Nora Lawler,		\$ 16 00
No. 45.	E. B. Bridgman:		
	Sept. 30. 8 hours laying brick,		
	underpinning Town Hall,		\$ 2 00
No. 46.	Arthur E. Damon:		
	6 rods wire fence,		\$ 1 50
No. 47.	Patrick Connors:		
April 7.	4 hours 1 man,	60	
9.	6 “ 1 “	90	
10.	8 “ 1 “	1 20	
May 30.	3 “ 1 “	45	
June 2.	8 “ 1 “	1 20	
2.	5 “ 1 “	75	
3.	10 “ 2 men & team,	5 00	
2.	5 “ 1 man,	75	
2.	3 “ team,	60	
4.	9 “ 2 men & team,	4 50	
5.	5 “ “ “	2 50	
6.	9 “ “ “	4 50	
Aug. 14.	10 “ “ “	5 00	
Sept. 13.	6 “ 1 man,	90	
18.	4 “ 3 men & team,	2 60	
	127 ft. plank,	1 91—	\$ 32 61
No. 48.	Geo. E. Knight:		
	Opening and care of Hall 18		
	times,		\$4 50
	Repairing windows,	60	
	Work in cemetery,	2 00	
	Driving Hearse,	4 00—	\$ 11 10
No. 49.	Geo. E. Knight:		
	Care of Hall 21 times,	5 25	
Mar. 3.	Driving Hearse,	2 00	

	Care of Hearse,	\$ 1 00	
	Mowing Cemetery,	5 00—	\$ 13 25
No. 50.	Geo. E. Knight:		
	Care of Library, 1890,		\$ 20 00
No. 51.	Mary Lawler and family:		
	Aid furnished by Northampton,		\$ 38 63
No. 52.	Board of Wm. Lawler to Jan. 1,		\$ 42 71
No. 53.	A. E. Metcalf:		
	Notifying Town Officers,		\$ 1 50
No. 54.	Support of Margaret Keating to Nov. 1,		\$ 15 00
No. 55.	A. D. Rice:		
	1889, Registrar of voters,	\$ 2 00	
	Nov. 5. Election,	1 00	
	Mar. 1. 1 day,	1 50	
	1 " highway,	1 50	
	6 days Assessor,	15 00	
	Perambulating town		
	lines,	7 00—	\$ 28 00
No. 56.	B. P. Owen:		
	Gutter for Town Hall,		\$ 10 50
No. 57.	H. A. Parsons:		
	Balance due Jan. 1, 1890,	\$ 1 59	
	June 10. Powder and fuse,	26	
	14. 10 lbs. nails,	35	
	18. 2 " "	07	
	24. 2 shovels,	1 50	
	25. Sundries,	43	
	Aug. 2. 33 lbs. nails,	1 16	
	Sept. 4. 2 " "	07	
	13. 2 " "	09	
	19. 2 " "	09	
	24. Freight & cartage on		
	box steel,	55	
	Oct. 15. Broom,	30	
	Nov. 14. 13 lbs. nails,	45	
	Dec. 13. Window glass for Hall,	1 15—	\$ 8 06
No. 58.	Telephone bill to Jan. 1,	\$ 19 70	
	Received for use of telephone,	4 40—	\$ 15 30

No. 59. L. L. Rhodes:

May 29. 4 hours, 2 men & team, \$2 00

30. 10 " 3 " 6 50 — \$ 8 50

No. 60. George E. Knight:

Driving Hearse, \$ 2 00

No. 61. F. H. Judd:

Town Meeting Book, \$ 2 12

No. 62. F. H. Judd:

Jan. 10. 1 gal. oil for St. lamps, \$ 15

20. 1 " " Town Hall, 15

30. 1 " " St. lamps, 15

30. Lamp wicks, 30

Feb. 1. Lighting & care of lamps,
January, 1 50

18. 1 gal. oil for lamps, 15

21. 1 " Town Hall, 15

28. Lighting & care of lamps,
February, 1 50

Jan. 2. Paid Ex. on books, 55

12. " " 35

Feb. 3. " " 55

6. Postage, 25

21. Paper, 1 00

27. 1 gal. oil Town Hall, 15

27. 1 " Lamps, 15

28. Express on laws, 35

Salary, Town Clerk, 15 00

Recording births,

deaths & marriages, 8 00

Salary, Sealer, 5 00

" Elector, 3 00

" Registrar and

Clerk of Board, 2 50

Town Clerk's report, 5 00 — \$ 45 90

No. 63. Wm. E. Lyman:

713 ft. plank @ 14, 9 98

230 ft. plank & timber @ 15, 4 20 — \$ 14 18

No. 64. J. A. Sullivan:

28 ft. Ak. pipe, \$ 5 04

No. 65.	C. H. Pierce:	
	Insurance on School Houses,	\$ 22 00
No. 66.	Support of Margaret Keating,	\$ 30 00
No. 67.	“ of Margaret Duggan,	\$ 62 69

No. 68. HIGHWAY BILLS.

Orville Flint:

Aug. 2, 3, & 4.	30 hours,	\$ 4 50	
Oct. 22.	8 “	1 20	
23.	9 “	1 35	
Nov. 7.	3½ “	52	
11.	4 “	60	
14.	9 “	1 35—	\$ 9 52

F. A. Bridgman:

May 24.	Repairs on scraper,	50	
June 23.	3 hours, team,	60	
23.	4½ “ 2 men,	1 28	
24.	3½ “ 1 man,	52	
Oct. 18.	2 “ 2 teams,	40	
18.	3½ “ 2 men,	1 05	
21.	4 “ 2 men & team,	2 00	
25.	5¾ “ 1 man & team,	2 00	
27.	5 “ 2 men & team,	2 75	
	Drawing tile from N. H.,	50	
Nov. 12.	4½ hours, 2 men,	1 28	
15.	1½ “ 2 men & team,	75—	\$ 13 63

Levi Burt:

Aug. 5.	10 hours.	1 50	
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Joseph Hathaway:

June 6.	10 hours, 2 men,	\$ 3 00	
6.	3 “ team,	60	
28.	10 “ 1 man,	1 50	
28.	171 ft. plank,	2 40	
Nov. 28.	7 hours,	1 05—	\$ 8 85

C. P. Hathaway:

June 5.	8 hours,	\$ 1 20	
Aug. 2.	10 “	1 50—	\$ 2 70

Dennis Courtney:

May 29.	10 hours. 1 man,	\$1 50	
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May 29.	6	hours, team,	\$ 1 20	
29.	5	“ 1 man,	75	
30.	5	“ 1 man,	75	
30.	6	“ 1 man,	90	
Sept. 13	10	“ 2 men,	3 00	
13.		team,	75—	\$ 8 85
Amount of order No. 68, \$44 75.				
No. 69.	R. S. Smith:			
	Military Aid,			\$ 20 00
No. 70.	F. C. Montague:			
Oct. 20.	Peramble town lines with Huntington, self and team,			\$ 3 00
21.	Examining Reservoir,			50
31.	Peramble town lines Easthampton,			50
Mar 1.	Election day,			1 00
	Salary as Registrar,			2 00— \$ 7 00
No. 71.	A. D. Montague:			
	$\frac{1}{2}$ dog fund for library,			\$ 37 26
	Services as Auditor, 1890,			2 00— \$ 39 26
No. 72.	F. C. Montague:			
Nov.	332 ft. plank @ 14,			\$ 4 64
No. 73.	A. K. Chapman:			
April 15.	Sharpening road scraper plates,			\$ 50
May 21.	Sharpening and steel point bars,			45
26.	Sharpening road scraper plate,			35
June 17.	Sharpening road scraper plate,			35
July 18.	Sharpening drills,			20
22.	Sharpening bar,			20
Aug. 18.	Repairing road scraper,			40
Sept. 18.	“ “ “			25
	Services as Constable,			1 00
	“ as Ballot Clerk,			1 00— \$ 4 70

No. 74.	C. H. Hooker, highway:			
	Oct. 21.	8 hours self & team,	\$3 20	
	22.	2 " "	80	
	23.	8 " "	3 20	
	Nov. 7.	4 " "	1 60	
	12.	4 " "	80	
	14.	8 " "	3 20	
		Wm. I. Edwards,	1 00	
		Joseph Whalen,	1 05—	\$ 14 85
No. 75.	Clinton Elwell			
	Oct. 21.	9 hours,	\$1 35	
	22.	4 "	60	
	23.	9 "	1 35—	\$ 3 30
No. 76.	N. A. Kingsley:			
		Interest on borrowed money,		\$ 68 12
No. 77.	Abatement of Aldorus Hendrick's			
		tax,	\$ 54	
		Abatement of James Connors'		
		tax,	2 00	
		Abatement of Nathan Morley's		
		tax,	2 00—	\$ 4 54
No. 78.	N. A. Kingsley, salary Treas.,	\$25 00		
		Collecting taxes,	43 35	
		Postage,	1 50—	\$ 69 85
No. 79.	A. G. Jewett:			
		Painting,		80
No. 80.	O. W. Bartlett:			
		Fire Warden,		\$ 2 00
No. 81.	Mabel Todd:			
		Scholarship Prize,		\$ 7 73
No. 82.	N. A. Kingsley:			
		State Tax,	\$227 50	
		County Tax,	369 67—	\$ 597 17
No. 83.	Thayer Fund distributed.			\$26 00
No. 84.	A. D. Rice:			
		Services Selectman,	\$4 00	
		" Overseer Poor,	6 00	
		Paid removing Mrs. Duggan,	2 15 —	\$ 12 15

No. 85. C. N. Loud:

2½ cords slabs for Hall,	\$ 7 50
18 hours work,	5 40
2000 ft. lumber, @ 14,	28 00— \$ 40 90
Amount of forgoing bills,	\$ 2,931 63

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid for support of Mrs. Keating,	\$ 90 00
“ “ Mrs. Duggan,	86 69
“ “ Wm. Lawler,	169 46
“ “ Mary Lawler & family,	54 63— \$ 422 78
Paid on acc't of State & County Tax,	\$597 17
“ “ Abatement of Taxes,	4 54
“ “ Collecting of Taxes,	43 35
“ “ Interest on money bor- rowed,	68 12
“ “ Street & Wright Fund,	87 00
“ “ Thayer Fund,	56 00
“ “ Military Aid,	80 00
“ “ Telephone,	62 00— \$ 998 18
Highways & Bridges,	968 33
Miscellaneous Bills,	542 34
School Committee's Orders,	1,517 28
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	\$ 4,448 91

RESOURCES.

Balance from last year,	\$ 135 87
Taxes assessed,	3,468 15
Receipts of Treas. from other sources,	993 33
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	\$4,597 35
Balance March 1, 1891,	\$ 148 44

E. W. KINGSLEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Westhampton</i>
F. C. MONTAGUE,	
A. D. RICE,	

WESTHAMPTON, March 2, 1891.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ending Feb. 28, 1891, and find them correct, with vouchers on file for all orders drawn to the amount of \$2,931.63.

A. D. MONTAGUE, *Auditor.*

Assessors' Report.

Total Real Estate valuation,	\$194,064 00
“ Personal “ “	44,148 00
Total valuation,	—————\$238,212 00
Total tax,	\$3,468 14
Rate per cent.,	\$0.013.

No. of polls 126.

Tax levy ordered:

State Tax,	\$227 50
County Tax,	369 67
Schools,	900 00
Highways and Bridges.	800 00
Support of Poor.	400 00
Town Officers' fees,	150 00
School Books,	100 00
Interest on money borrowed,	120 00
Repairing Town Hall.	50 00
Contingencies,	300 00
Overlayings,	50 97
	—————\$3,468 14

E. W. KINGSLEY,	} Assessors of Westhampton.
F. C. MONTAGUE,	
A. D. RICE,	

Town Clerk's Report.

To the Selectmen of Westhampton, Gentlemen,

I present my annual report as follows, for the year 1890:

BIRTHS RECORDED.-1890

- 1 Jan. 29, Alfred Boucher.
- 2 Feb. 11, Hosanah Boucher.
- 3 Mar. 16, Marion Ludden Bridgman.
- 4 Apr. 3, Ella May Witherell.
- 5 May. 16, Loud.
- 6 " 19, Ralph Scofield Bridgman.
- 7 Sept. 28, Nellie Grace Hathaway.
- 8 Oct. 8, Marion Estella Lyman.
- 9 Nov. 5, Clifford Munson Bartlett.
- 10 Dec. 6, Metcalf.
- 11 " 17, Shaw.
- 12 Apr. 18, Rachel Almira Comstock.

Births in previous years.

1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
14	7	10	9	10	9	10	10	12	8

MARRIAGES RECORDED.-1890

- 1 June 11, Fred E. Morley of Westhampton,
Annette C. Strong of Northampton.
- 2 July 30, Wilmot R. Jones of So. China, Me.
Mirah L. Judd of Westhampton.
- 3 Oct. 29, William H. Hathaway of Hadley,
Eunice Spear of Northampton.
- 4 Dec. 2, Horace Haunton of Westhampton,
Susan E. Strong " "

Marriages recorded in former years.

1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
7	3	7	6	8	5	5	5	4	7

DEATHS RECORDED. -1890

- 1 Feb. 13, Boucher, Mary C.
- 2 Mar. 2, Witherell, Albert Francis.
- 3 Apr. 6, Hathaway, Amos.
- 4 Dec. 21, Cook, John H.

Deaths recorded in previous years.

1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
12	9	11	15	11	7	6	14	5	5

Diseases or Cause of Death: Hemorrhage from Stomach, 1; Peritonitis, 1; Diarrhœa, 1; Apoplexy, 1.

DOGS LICENSED IN 1890.

April 13, A. K. Chapman, 1 male. April 15, H. W. Montague, 1 male. April 29, A. D. Rice, 1 male. April 30, J. Hathaway, 1 male. April 30, F. A. Bridgman, 1 male. May 1, Chas Connors, 1 male. May 1, A. Elwell, 1 male. May 1, A. L. Snow, 1 male. May 1, W. D. Wicks, 1 male. May 1, Geo. Coleman, 1 male. May 3, F. G. Hathaway, 1 male. May 3, F. C. Montague, 1 male. May 3, T. J. Slattery, 1 male. May 3, O. W. Bartlett, 1 male. May 5, C. A. Hathaway, 1 male. May 5, H. Hathaway, 2 males. May 5, D. S. Montague, 1 male. May 5, Geo. Burt, 1 male. May 6, Dennis Courtney, 1 male. May 6, I. O. Shaw, 1 male. May 7, C. H. Bartlett, 1 male. May 9, James Connors, 1 male. May 10, F. H. Judd, 1 female. May 19, L. W. Clapp, 1 male. May 19, W. W. Kingsley, 1 male. May 19, E. B. Clapp, 1 male. May 19, J. H. Kingsley, 1 male. May 19, Geo. Witherell, 1 male. May 19, M. K. Parsons, 1 male. May 20, E. H. Montague, 1 male. May 23, F. E. Hayden, 1 male. May 23, C. H. Morey, 1 male. May 24, L. L. Rhodes, 1 male. May 24, E. P. Lyman, 1 male. May 27, C. T. Williams, 1 male. June 3, Geo. Tower, 1 male. Aug. 19, H. J. Payson, 1 male. Aug. 25, John Gravelin, 2 males. Aug. 28, M. C. Pelton, 1 male. Aug. 28, S. D. Lyman, 2 males. Aug. 29, H. F. Clapp, 1 male. Sept, 3, E. A. Bartlett, 1 male. Sept. 27, S. L. Williams, 1 male. Sept. 29,

Jas. McCarty, 2 males; Sept. 25, S. D. Lyman, 1 female.
Oct. 6, W. H. Lyman, 1 male.

Amount received for dog licenses in									
1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
\$67	56	66	64	90	104	103	120	124	129

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1890.

Rec'd for 35 licenses prior to June 1, at \$2 00 each,	\$70 00	
Rec'd for 1 license prior to June 1, at \$5 00 each,	5 00—	\$75 00
Less fees, 36 at 20 cents each,		7 20
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Due County June 1,		\$67 80
Rec'd for 13 licenses from June 1 to Nov. 30, at \$2 00 each,	\$26 00	
Rec'd for 1 license from June 1 to Nov. 30, at \$5 00 each,	5 00—	\$31 00
Less fees, 14 at 20 cents each,		2 80
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Due County Dec. 1,		\$28 20

CONTRA.

By County Treasurer's receipt June 7,	\$67 80	
“ “ “ Dec. 3,	28 20	
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Whole amount paid County,		\$ 96 00
“ “ Collected,		106 00
“ “ returned to town Treas.,		74 53

Respectfully Submitted,

F. H. JUDD, *Town Clerk.*

Westhampton, March 2, 1891.

I have examined the accounts of F. H. Judd, Town Clerk, and find them to be correct.

A. D. MONTAGUE, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28TH, 1891.

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Balance from last year,	\$135 87
Cash of State Treas. Corporation Tax,	1 47
“ Town of Huntington,	7 10
“ Ira O. Shaw, lamp,	75
“ Caleb Loud, interest on Wright Fund,	52 00
“ State Treas. for Paupers,	47 00
“ Joint School Committee,	35 40
“ George Coleman, interest on Thayer Fund,	12 00
“ Estate of Coit cemetery lot,	8 00
“ Trustees Will of Whiting Street,	52 50
“ State Treas. Corporation Tax,	2 56
“ “ National Bank Tax,	312 24
“ “ State Aid,	20 00
“ “ Mass. School Fund,	305 18
“ Co. Treas., Dog Fund returned,	74 53
“ H. H. Judd, Int. on Thayer Fund,	37 50
“ Lewis H. Clark,	12 00
“ A. D. Rice, Clark Scholarship Fund,	7 73
“ Geo. E. Knight, Order Iron Hall,	2 76
“ “ “ Fraternal Circle,	2 61
	—————\$1,129 20
Amount of Assessment,	3,468 15
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Total,	\$4,597 35

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By paid orders Selectmen,	\$2.931 63
“ “ School Committee.	1,517 28
“ Balance due the town,	148 44
	————— \$4,597 35

April 4, Received on note of \$500 from First National Bank Easthampton, for two months,	\$ 495 00
June 7, paid on above note,	500 00
“ 9, received on note of \$300 for one month,	298 55
July 1, paid on above note,	300 00
“ 1, received on note of \$1,000 for three months,	986 81
Oct. 3, paid on above note,	1,000 00
“ 3, received on note of \$1,000 for three months,	986 81
Nov. 3, received on note of \$200 for two months,	198 29
Jan. 6, '91, paid on note of Oct. 3,	1,000 00
“ 20, '91, paid on note of Nov. 3,	200 25
June 18, received of Caleb Loud,	1,000 00
Feb. 26, paid estate of Caleb Loud,	1,033 33

N. A. KINGSLEY, *Treasurer.*

Report of School Committee.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, WAGES, ETC.

CENTER SCHOOL.

Miss S. L. Loomis, one term. Miss J. L. Jewett, two terms.

Number of pupils enrolled,	26
Average membership,	22.5
“ attendance,	20.9
Number of pupils over 15 years.	1
“ “ under 5 “	0
“ “ between 8 and 14 years,	16
Wages of Teacher,	\$254 40
Repairs,	\$3 50
Fuel,	\$14 75

Length of term 32 weeks.

Not absent or tardy during the year, Josie Whelan, Maurice Whelan, Alfred Pelton, Delbert Judd, Grace Kingsley.

The Clark Scholarship prize was awarded to Mabel Todd. ~~\$ 7. 73~~

There has been a uniform attendance in the school during the year, and but few tardy marks on the Register. Your Committee feel that it would be an advantage, both to this school and to the Hill and South schools, if the scholars could all be in one building, with two teachers, one for the older scholars, and one for the younger. More time could then be devoted to each class, with more scholars in a class. Both

teacher and pupil would be more enthusiastic in the work, and the pupil would be able to make a much more rapid advancement than by taking the five or ten minutes which is now commonly taken for each lesson, allowing the teacher only half the time needed for a clear explanation of the subject.

HILL SCHOOL.

Miss H. A. Orcutt, three terms.

Number of pupils enrolled,	10
Average membership,	6.5
“ attendance,	6.2
Number of pupils under 5 years,	1
“ “ over 15 “	0
“ “ between 8 and 14 years,	6
Wages of Teacher,	\$208 00
Fuel,	\$13 40

Chas. S. Bartlett has not been absent during the year, and Oscar C. Bartlett but one day on account of sickness.

This school has been in session thirty-two weeks, with the same teacher the entire time. The average number of pupils is small, and if Mr. E. A. Bartlett should leave town, the school would be so small that it is a question with the committee what would be the best thing to do for them. During the last term the scholars from the South school have attended this school and together there has been a membership of only six, at an average cost to the town of about forty dollars for each scholar, and if both schools are united the cost can be but little, if any, less than fifty dollars a year for each scholar.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Miss Olive L. Farrar, one term. Miss Susie A. Burt, four months.

Number of pupils enrolled,	18
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Average membership,	8
“ attendance,	5.6
Number of pupils under 5 years,	1
“ “ over 15 “	1
“ “ between 8 and 14 years,	10
Wages of Teacher,	\$175 50
Repairs,	\$48 45
Length of school 27 weeks.	

Robbie Lyman has not been absent or tardy during the year.

At the beginning of the year this was one of the largest schools in town, but during the year several families have removed until there was at the beginning of the last term only four scholars in attendance, and the committee engaged Mr. Snow to convey them to the Hill school at an expense of four dollars a week. Miss Burt was then transferred to the Bridgman school house and taught there the rest of the year. There will probably be but three scholars to attend school here the next term, and it is difficult to secure a teacher willing to take so small a school.

NORTH-WEST AND NORTH-EAST SCHOOLS.

Miss Elizabeth E. Ryan, one term. Miss Emily A. Edwards, one term. Miss Susie A. Burt, one term.	
Number of pupils enrolled,	15
Average membership,	11
“ attendance,	10
Number of pupils under 5 years,	0
“ “ over 15 “	0
“ “ between 8 and 14 years,	12
Wages of Teacher,	\$203 00
Fuel,	\$8 75

Length of school 32 weeks.

These schools have been united for several terms, and those living in the North East have been conveyed by Mr. I. O. Shaw to the school house in the North West. At the close of the fall term your com-

mittee found that there were several scholars in the North East who were anxious to attend school, and thought it would be best for all interested to change the place of holding the school to the North East school house, and so voted to convey those in the North West to the other school house. We could find no one in the North West willing to carry the scholars for less than ten dollars a week, so we engaged Mr. I. O. Shaw to carry them for five dollars, and he went for them one week but finding no scholars to be conveyed, we instructed him not to go for them longer. Upon examination we found but one family having children of school age, viz., from 8 to 14, anxious to send this term, and made them the proposition to pay for conveying this scholar, a sum sufficient to cover the expense of board near any of the other schools; this, however, was not accepted. We present these cases to the consideration of the town, and hope that at the annual town meeting you will make such recommendations to your committee as will enable them to adjust this matter to the best interest of all parties concerned.

EXPENSES.

Teachers' Salary and board,	\$840 90
Loudville School,	171 66
Superintendent,	62 18
Conveying Scholars,	89 00
Fuel,	36 90
Repairs,	51 95
Stoves,	19 00
Books,	66 52
Cleaning School houses and making fires,	11 00
Express, Postage and Freight,	7 25
Miss Caroline Burt,	10 00
Orville Flint,	10 00
Chas. N. Loud,	28 00
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	\$1,404 36

RESOURCES.

Town Appropriation,	\$900 00
School Books,	100 00
State School Fund,	305 18
One half Dog Fund,	37 26
From State for Superintendent,	35 40
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	\$1,377 84

There has been for several years bills remaining unpaid which have been transferred from one year's account to another, until this year we were enabled to get them all in and make a complete settlement of all bills. The amount left over from last year was \$112 92. This sum with the amount of this year's expenses as reported above makes the amount correspond with the Treasurer's account of bills paid.

You will see by our report of expenses as paid by us, that it must cost, to maintain our schools 32 weeks in a year, about the same amount each year, and unless we can unite some of the schools we shall need to raise the same amount another year that we have raised this year, and would recommend that this sum be appropriated.

CAROLINE BURT,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
ORVILLE FLINT,		
CHAS. N. LOUD,		

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee for the year ending Feb. 28, 1891, and find them correct, with vouchers on file for orders drawn to the amount of \$1,517.28.

A. D. MONTAGUE, *Auditor.*

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee:

MADAM AND GENTLEMEN:—The Superintendent of the Public Schools would respectfully submit his second annual report. The annexed schedule summarizes the facts relative to membership and attendance of pupils.

The schools have made a decided progress owing to the improved methods of instruction. The teachers have zealously labored to secure, on the part of their pupils, a good record in attendance, scholarship and conduct. Their zeal has been rewarded with excellent results. There have been no cases of truancy; and, with few exceptions, the pupils have been exemplary in their manners and deportment. By an act of the General Court, passed in 1889, persons convicted of "persistently violating the reasonable regulations of the common schools," may be committed to the same places of confinement as are provided for truants. Immorality is far worse than truancy; and, while we may never need to avail ourselves of the Goshen Truant School, for the commitment of truants, it would exert a most salutary influence should the town, by amending its By-laws, designate that school as a suitable place for the confinement, discipline and instruction of boys whose influence is corrupting and who cannot be controlled by the agencies of the Public schools. Your experiment of uniting small schools ought to have a fair trial. It is true that consolida-

SCHOOL RECORDS, 1890—1891.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Pupils.			Number of Absences.				Number of pupils present every half day.				Number of Marks for Tardiness.				Number of Pupils not Tardy.				Number of Pupils neither absent nor tardy.			
	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Totals.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Totals.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Totals.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Totals.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Totals.
Center.	22	24	23	144	273	98	515	7	9	13	29	6	5	5	16	18	21	20	59	7	9	12	28
Hill.	10	8	9	32	55	52	139	2	3	1	6	2	9	8	19	8	3	5	16	2	1	1	4
South.	15	8		126	392		518	3	1		4	13	8		21	9	6		15	2	1		3
North-West	14	13		79	135		214	6	4		10	0	7		7	14	7		21	6	3		9
Bridgman.			6			38	38			2	2			2	2			4	4			1	1
Totals.	61	53	38	381	855	188	1424	18	17	16	51	21	29	15	65	49	37	29	115	17	14	14	45

tion is in the interest of a wise economy, and yet it should not be advocated on economical grounds, but rather because it will give a greater benefit to the children, who need the fresh and healthful stimulus which is gained by contact with many earnest workers. In the Winter term, the younger pupils are unable to attend with regularity, and it is with difficulty that arrangements can be made during that season, for transporting pupils. Your Superintendent, therefore, would venture the suggestion that it may be wise to consider the advisability of changing the arrangement of terms. Would it not be practicable, and for the welfare of all concerned, to provide a sufficient number of schools which should extend through two long terms of fifteen weeks each: the first, beginning on the first Monday in April; the second, to commence early in September. In addition to these schools for all pupils,—a Grammar school course of ten weeks could be conducted at the Center, commencing on the first Monday in January.

Such a school would afford preparation for higher institutions of learning; would strengthen the whole public school system; and would furnish our boys and girls, who cannot pursue their studies elsewhere, a good scholastic training right here at home.

This arrangement would give annually 40 weeks of schooling to a large number of our scholars, and all others would have 30 weeks in the most favorable portions of the year. The Superintendent has exercised a watchful care over the schools. In addition to the regular visits of supervision, he has held ten meetings for the benefit of the teachers, and attended special sessions of the committee to discuss questions relative to school management and the purchase of text books and supplies.

During his visits to the schools the Superintendent has given teachers and pupils more encouragement than criticism. By judicious questions to the several

classes, he has sought not only to test the scholarship and progress—but to improve the methods of teaching, and to enable the pupils to study with a view of learning *principles* which they can apply for themselves, and *ideas* which they can express in words of their own.

At the teachers' meetings the discussions have been mutually helpful. School discipline and instruction have been considered in the treatment of a wide range of topics. Suggestions were given for the better teaching of Reading, Spelling, Penmanship, Drawing and Music; and definite courses of study have been presented for Language, Arithmetic and Geography. Courses are being prepared to cover work in History and Civil Government, Physiology and Hygiene. The Language study has been placed on the old foundations. By a thorough and systematic training in the analysis and parsing of sentences, good grammarians are made, and clear thinkers as well.

Diagrams should be eliminated from the text-books on Grammar. They have wrought mental confusion in the study of language, without affording any real help whatever. The words for oral spelling should be taken from the regular lessons in the various subjects. All difficult words should be syllabicated; and those learned from the spelling-book should be written in sentences improvised by the pupils. The teaching of Arithmetic ought to be improved. As early as possible the children must be taught the simple ways of solving hard problems. The use of contractions and short methods, in place of long and abstruse calculations, will save much valuable time and secure a far better training of the mental powers.

The voluminous and unimportant details of Geography may be omitted, and a larger share of time given to the map-drawing which is an interesting and refining exercise. The outlines for the study of Language, Arithmetic and Geography are published

in the Easthampton School Report, copies of which will be given to all of the teachers in the three towns.

The Statutes require that special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study to all pupils of the public schools. The teachers have complied with this requisition and are performing their duty with conscientious fidelity. The evil effects of tobacco and alcohol can be effectively taught in connection with the subjects of Physiology and Hygiene; but temperance instruction should go hand in hand with lessons in Language, Arithmetic, History and rhetorical exercises. Pupils should be taught to set their faces as flint against intemperance. It is related of Hannibal, one of the most skillful generals the world has ever seen, and the most formidable enemy of the Roman nation, that his father, Hamilcar, took him at the early age of nine years, into the camp and made him swear upon his country's altar eternal hatred to Rome. Even so it would seem to be the duty of teachers to use their highest endeavors to the end that the children committed to their care shall early pledge themselves in perpetual hatred to all that intoxicates.

The chief defect of our schools is the lack of oral instruction. The teacher is too often a slave to the text-book. A teacher ought to be so well prepared for her work that she can manage the recitation in absolute independence of any text-book. The teacher can do no real teaching unless she be self-reliant and free. Let the text-books and charts perform their functions—that of assisting both the teacher and the pupil; but they must not usurp the place which rightfully belongs to a resolute, industrious, progressive teacher.

The interest taken in the problem of popular education may be justly hailed as among the most auspicious signs of the times. But, to the reflecting mind, in this phase of our age, apparently so encouraging, can

be discerned prospects of the greatest usefulness only so far as general intellectual training shall be accompanied with a faithful inculcation of some moral principles. In the formation of character a due submission to authority is the first essential. In disobedience to parents and teachers can be seen the germ of that anarchy which strikes at the root of all government. Upon those who are now in the schools, must some day devolve the responsibilities of administering our republican institutions. If the children make a good use of their opportunities they will become good citizens qualified to receive and transmit unimpaired the heritage of worthy men. Back to first principles must we go in this problem of the moral education of the young. The time, strength and earnest endeavor of teachers must be given to the establishment of good habits in their pupils. A bad habit cannot be laid aside at will, like a superfluous garment. It can only be changed, when once formed, by the most vigorous effort. The habit of *industry* is necessary to the happiness of any individual. Let our youth be thoroughly trained in this habit, not alone because it will give strength to body, mind and heart—but because it is the surest and the most honorable means of a constant livelihood.

Useful employment is the safeguard of virtue. If a child be inactive he will be viciously inclined. This is a law of human nature as beneficent as it is fundamental. It affords the needed spur to the efforts of wise teachers to lead the ever expanding mind in some noble pursuit. In close alliance with industry is *economy*. Children should be taught to economize. This would mean a just distribution of their time; a careful use of property loaned to them; the judicious spending and a wise saving of money; the proper husbanding of the resources of the whole being. Another imperative duty of teachers is to assist their pupils in forming the habit of *truthfulness*. The telling of what

is not true is emphatically the besetting sin of childhood. Deception is of so protean a form as to require the utmost vigilance of educators to effectually check its development. Its evil effects need to be painted in all the vividness of their sad reality that children may be led rightly to judge place and emolument as but dust in the balance, when compared with their integrity and honor. Cultivate the wisdom of knowing that deception can never prosper; for though it be unobserved by man, it cannot hope to escape the all-seeing eye of God. By interesting and impressive devotional exercises, it is within the province of the teacher to deepen and extend the spirit of *reverence*—so wanting in the youth of our day. Great harm will be done to modern civilization if the teachers fail to impart the reverential spirit. It will be letting down a veil of obscurity between the eye of the soul and its high destiny. Reverence involves the whole of conduct. He who is reverent will render his best service in favor of what is pure and true against everything that is false or unclean.

Let it be urged upon the parents to give their children a fair chance. Many of them are too soon removed from school. It is true that the majority do not absolutely require more than a thorough training in the common branches. But so much as that they all should have to enable them to live well among their fellow-men. To deprive the average child of so much scholastic training as a good grammar school affords will shunt him into a narrow groove, and he will keep in it to the end of his days. When we are inclined to count the cost, and to think chiefly of commercial values—let us remember the wise words of Franklin: “If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.”

At the close of his second year of service, the Superintendent would express his gratitude to the members

of the School Committee, to teachers and citizens, who in many ways have aided him in his work.

EDWARD B. MAGLATHLIN, *Supt. of Schools.*

WESTHAMPTON, MASS., March 10, 1891.

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 23, 1891.

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westhampton in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Westhampton, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Westhampton, on Monday, the twenty-third (23) day of March, current, at nine o'clock, A. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To act on all reports presented at said meeting.

ART. 3.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4.—To bring in their ballots Yes or No on the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 5.—To see if the town will accept of the List of Jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

ART. 6.—To see if the town will accept of the provisions of Sections 74, 75 and 76 of Chap. 27th of the Public Statutes concerning Road Commissioners.

ART. 7.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing.

ART. 8.—To take action in regard to the collection of taxes.

ART. 9.—To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money to meet current expenses.

ART. 10.—To see if the town will rescind the vote taken at the annual meeting, March 25th, 1889, under Article 11, or unite with the towns of Easthampton and Southampton for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of Schools under the provisions of Chap. 431 of the Acts of 1888.

ART. 11.—To see if the town will enlarge the Town Hall, and raise money for the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in the recess of the Town Hall, ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth (9th) day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (1891).

E. W. KINGSLEY.	}	<i>Selectmen of Westhampton.</i>
F. C. MONTAGUE.		
A. D. RICE,		

Rev	75.00
Schools	83.00
Highways	80.00
Law Office	13.00
Books	5.00
Accounting	12.00
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Library	3.00
Ad	100.00
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